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SUBJECT: SOMOZA AND ODUBER MEET AT JALAPA MAY 29

1. UNDAUNTED BY THE FAILURE OF THE FIVE-NATION CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT, NICARAGUAN PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA AND COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER PROCEEDED TO HOLD THEIR OWN BILATERAL SUMMIT IN JALAPA, NICARAGUA, MAY 29 WITH THEIR MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ECONOMY. FOLLOWING A DAY OF RELAXED, INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS THE TWO LEADERS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WHICH, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, IS A FAIRLY INCLUSIVE LISTING OF THE TOPICS CONSIDERED AND THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED. THE ONLY FURTHER DETAILS WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE ARE PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS REGARDING THE LAW OF THE SEA BY FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL WHICH WE WILL REPORT BY SEPTTEL AND THE TEXT OF THE MUTUAL ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT BY AIRGRAM.

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE MAY 29 COMMUNIQUE:

QUOTE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THEIR EXCELLENCIES DANIEL ODUBER, PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA AND GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE, PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF NICARAGUA, HELD IN JALAPA, NICARAGUA, MAY 29, 1974.

(1). IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL SIGN ON THIS SAME DATE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERCONNECTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY BETWEEN COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA.

(2). BOTH GOVERNMENTS REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE STUDIES AND NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN OF THE RIO SAN JUAN.

(3). THEY EXAMINED THE POSITIONS THAT COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA WILL MAINTAIN AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, SOON TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CARACAS, AND NOTED THE COMPLETE AGREEMENT OF THE POINTS OF VIEW OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. AFTER THIS CONFERENCE, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ITS RESULTS, COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA WILL HOLD NEGOTIONS TO CONCLUDE A BILATERAL FISHING TREATY.

(4). THEY CONSIDERED IT CONVENIENT TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COSTA RICAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CODESA) AND THE NICARAGUAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (INFONAC) SO THAT BETWEEN THESE TWO INSTITUTIONS THERE WILL BE AN INTERCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND THEY WILL STIMULATE INVESTMENTS IN ALL PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ECONOMY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(5). THEY CONSIDERED THE UTILITY OF UNIFYING THE LEGISLATION OF AGRICULTURE IN ALL ASPECTS THAT WOULD FACILITATE BETTER BUSINESS RELATIONS AS WELL AS THE MANAGEMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF THE RESOURCES OF EACH NATION.

(6). THEY AGREED TO ESTABLISH FACILITIES FOR EXCHANGE, SUPPLY, AND COMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAW MATERIALS THAT ARE NECESSARY AND BASIC TO THE PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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(7). THEY AGREED TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY MECHANISM TO EXCHANGE REGISTRATIONS OF CATTLE BRANDS WITH A VIEW TOWARD AVOIDING CATTLE RUSTLING IN THE FRONTIER ZONES.

(8). COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA WILL CONTINUE MAKING EFFORTS TO COOPERATE WITH EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS IN ORDER THAT THESE TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT ARRIVE AT A BILATERAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING

THE DIFFERENCES THAT SEPARATE THEM. IF AFTER A REASONABLE TIME
(TERMINO PRUDENCIAL) SUCH AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED,
COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA WILL REVIEW (REVISARA) THEIR POSITIONS
IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET.

SIGNED AT JALAPA, NICARAGUA, MAY 29, 1974 BY ALEJANDRO
MONTIEL ARGUELLO, FOREIGN MINISTER OF NICARAGUA AND GONZALO
FACIO, FOREIGN MINISTER OF COSTA RICA. END QUOTE.
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